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When Money is Scarce

It is foolish to buy worthless presents for the holidays. Something substantial will be appreciated by everybody. Therefore, if you desire to make an acceptable

Christmas Present!

Buy something that will be appreciated.

Go to **F. WIGDOR,**

At Oran, where you can have your choice of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Furnishings, Notions, etc., at the very

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F. WIGDOR,

ORAN, MO.

A Merry Christmas to You.

With this issue the Newsboy winds up its career for the year 1896. There will be no paper issued next week. The editor and the devil will "take Christmas."

In closing the year the Newsboy has no complaints to make. Considering the times, our business has paid about as well as the average. Our circulation, during the past year, has increased about fifteen per cent—and we have made no effort to "drum" the county. Our gains have been principally in the central and northern portions of the county, while at Blodgett and Sikeston we have lost. This loss is due to the Newsboy's antagonism, during the recent campaign, to ring rule and designing politicians. In Sikeston, however, our list is again picking up and the people down that way will soon learn that they lose more than we by not being readers of the only newspaper in the county.

It is encouraging to know that our readers are the substantial people of the county. As a rule they own small farms, live at home and around at the same place. They are peaceable and law-abiding and seldom have any business in court. As remarkable as it may seem, it is a fact that during our nine year's stay here there has not been a subscriber to the Newsboy incarcerated in Benton jail or convicted of any crime, while the jail is continually filled with readers of the "organs"—there being three readers of the local organs in jail now, all charged with murder in the first degree.

We do not intend this as a reflection upon the general run of subscribers who patronize other papers—for there are just as good men who patronize the organs as we have in the county. We only speak of the incident as a remarkable fact, when taken in consideration with the assertions of the organs that they are patronized only "by the best people of the county."

After the first day of January we shall sail in with fresh energy and continue to make the Newsboy one of the best papers in the Southeast. The year 1897 will be full of remarkable incidents. The sessions of Congress; the change of the administration; the promised international agreement, and many other things will be of interest to the public and nothing of interest will be permitted to escape the columns of the Newsboy. If you are not a subscriber you alone will be the loser.

In conclusion we would advise every farmer to read some paper during the coming year. It is a time when no man can afford to depend upon others to act for him. He should keep posted and act for himself. If you don't want the Newsboy then take some other paper. Any paper is better than no paper. The farmers should read more. Our country is in a critical condition. Our homes and our independence are at stake.

Thanking our patrons for the liberal patronage they have bestowed upon us, and trusting that we shall be able to merit a continuation of the same, we wish you, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Do You Know Him?

L. H. Mathews, of Oneonta, Ala., died last week leaving one son, Alphonso Oscar Mathews, whose whereabouts is unknown. When last heard from he was at Perkins, this county, in 1890, with the Phoenix Iron Bridge Co., of Philadelphia.

Along about this time in the year we hear a great deal about Santa Claus. To see the Christmas tree at the Silver Dollar Store, Oran, one would think that Santa was close about.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Peter Bosen has a very severe attack of bronchitis.

The most jovial youngster in this settlement is Leo Hearing. One day last week three tramps struck him for a job. Leo, good naturedly, got them to help load up wood. This work done, he invited them for a meal, which the tramps did not refuse. In returning, however, Leo found no tramps and was obliged to do the loading himself.

Wednesday was the great butchering day and Armour, of Chicago, could not have done a more extensive business than was done in this settlement.

Mrs. Chas. Grojean is reported down with La Grippe.

Uncle Alexander Dunbar is the delight of the children, and assisted Santa Claus in the festivities of the season.

New Hamburg schools close Wednesday for the holiday vacation.

Dr. Geo. Sholz took a trip to Peers, returning Sunday, in good spirits. It seems Geo. has some sort of attraction up there.

Prof. D. W. Sullivan, of the Scherer-ville district, was at the Cape Saturday and Sunday spending the time with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheeter went to Kelo Saturday shopping.

How It Will Happen.

The holidays are with us and will be celebrated in various ways. Some will dance, some will sing, some will pray, some will talk about their neighbors, and some will wake up in the morning with a big head and a dark brown taste in their mouths.

People celebrate in various ways, and the bug juice celebration is very prevalent at this season of the year. While it is probably true that the shortest and quickest route to enthusiasm and jollification is via the bug juice route, yet great care should be taken that the jollificationist steers clear of all obstructions and does not collide with some other jollificationist going in an opposite direction.

In other words, be civil. In every section of the country, during the holidays, there is more or less fighting, cutting and shooting. There is no necessity for it. It is a pastime that is fast going out of fashion and football is taking its place. Cats and dogs fight, bite and scratch—men ought to have more sense. If you can't take a drink or two without thirsting for gore, then don't drink. If you can't stay sober by the ordinary process of taking only one drink at a time, then bundle up your wraps and spend the holidays at Diehlstadt.

Oran a Good Town.

It is evident that no town in the county has kept pace with Oran in the way of improvements. Although times are as tight as "Dick's hatband," Oran goes right on building and improving just as though nothing had happened.

Not only have any number of neat cottages and dwellings been erected of late, but a substantial public school building is nearing completion that would be a monument of enterprise to any city of four times the population. Oran needs a good flouring mill.

Kelo Mill to Start Up.

The Kelo mill has been leased, for a term of three years, by A. H. Mantz, of Fruitland, Cape Girardeau county, and Joseph Diebold, of Kelo. The new firm will begin operation after new year, but will be ready to accommodate customers next week. Mr. Mantz is himself a practical miller.

Will They Investigate?

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, has introduced a resolution in the Senate asking the appointment of a committee of nine members to investigate the charges of using money in the recent election. Among other things Senator Allen had the clerk to read the following clipping from an agricultural paper, which is "mighty interesting reading."

"Cleveland carried California in 1892 by 147, and Bryan received 24,000 more votes than Cleveland received, yet McKinley carried California."

"Cleveland carried Illinois in 1892 by 33,993, and Bryan received 47,000 more votes than Cleveland received, yet McKinley carried Illinois."

"Cleveland carried Indiana in 1892 by 7,125, and Bryan received 47,000 more votes than Cleveland received, yet McKinley carried Indiana."

"Harrison carried Iowa in 1892 by 23,723, and Bryan received 4,541 more votes than Harrison received, yet McKinley carried Iowa."

"Cleveland carried Kentucky in 1892 by 40,020, and Bryan received 42,336 more votes than Cleveland, yet McKinley carried Kentucky."

"Harrison carried Michigan in 1892 by 20,412 and Bryan received 4,000 more votes than Harrison received, yet McKinley carried Michigan."

"Harrison carried Minnesota in 1892 by 21,903, and Bryan received 16,714 more votes than Harrison received, yet McKinley carried Minnesota."

"Harrison carried Ohio in 1892 by 1,072, and Bryan received 69,000 more votes than Harrison received, yet McKinley carried Ohio."

"Harrison carried Oregon in 1892 and Bryan received 9,000 more votes than Harrison received, yet McKinley carried Oregon."

"The vote of Illinois was nearly 250,000 in excess of the vote of 1892; that of Ohio 200,000 and of Kentucky 100,000. From whence have these States gained so largely in population during four years?"

"At the same time Kansas, a growing Western State, shows only 10,000 gain. The great State of Texas, which has been a theater of immigration, shows only 40,000 gain. Alabama shows 5,000 loss; New York shows only 40,000 gain; Massachusetts only 1,000; Virginia shows 15,000 loss, while West Virginia, a State, the Republicans were particularly anxious to carry, shows a gain of 20,000. Arkansas, a State to which immigration has been directed gained only 1,000, while Indiana, a pivotal State, shows 90,000 gain. These figures are inexplicable. Why have the pivotal States made such tremendous gains in voting strength?"

Our Forces Should Organize.

The enemies of the common people are thoroughly organized. The most powerful of these organizations is known as the National Banker's Association of America. It works secretly and only the members know of its action. Another organization that is detrimental to the general public is the auction pit gamblers who do there work under the high sounding title of the Board of Trade. Then we have against us the stock and bond brokers, the trusts, companies and corporations. These are all thoroughly organized and at work.

The people should organize also. Without organization we can accomplish nothing. While it is true that Scott county is perfectly safe, yet we should organize in order to induce other counties to do likewise. Mr. Bryan and all the silver leaders recommend that all organizations be maintained, and that we hold all the ground we have gained and reach out for more.

Then, with the beginning of the new year, let us reorganize all our silver clubs and prepare for the battle of 1898. Possibly, by untiring efforts, we may be able to get a two-thirds majority in Congress, so that a silver bill may be passed over the President's veto—thereby redeeming the country from the clutches of the bond sharks before 1900. Work!

HERE AND THERE.

Malden Register: Social parties where the girls get to "choose the one she loves best and 'buss' him in the jaw," are becoming popular. Leap year will pass out with '96, and the privilege afforded at these gatherings will have slipped by till—O, for several years, as 1900 will not be a leap year. Make good use of the time, girls.

If you want clothing that is the newest and noblest—clothing that will give character and prestige—we have them in the new patterns, plaids and Scotch weaves. When at the Cape call in to see us.

W. H. Bohnsack, No. 1, Main street, Cape Girardeau. —A girl was born to Mrs. Dr. G. H. Butler Wednesday evening.

Sensible Christmas presents will be appreciated this year. Combs, brushes, fancy stationery, soaps, toilet articles, etc., can be had at the Benton Drug Store.

A big boy was born to the wife of Andrew Essner last week.

Prof. Hicks says we are going to have the coldest winter for years. We have a big stock of overcoats—a fine all wool chinchilla, \$4; all wool ulster, \$5. Blue, black and tan beavers and cursey at \$7 @ \$8, at W. H. Bohnsack, No. 1, Main street, Cape Girardeau.

J. O. Hess is making plans for an eight-room residence for J. F. Kelly, at Oran.

The Oran correspondence reached here too late for publication.

When you start out on a shopping expedition, drop in at the Silver Dollar Store, Oran, and see what they have. You will find it to your profit.

A lot of boys enjoyed a chicken stew at Oran. Judge Hale charged them \$1 and costs each.

Treat yourself to a nice Christmas present. You can buy a good suit of all wool clothes for \$7.00 at W. H. Bohnsack's, Cape Girardeau Mo. No. 1, Main street.

Joe Koller was in Benton Monday settling up with the tax collector.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale in time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 829 Olive street, St. Louis.

Frank Kelley and Dr. Butler are on the sick list.

East Kelo, briefly: A boy was born to Mrs. A. Springer. Hillman & Co. have erected a saw mill near Manning. Geo. Klemme is putting up a saw mill on Judge Albrecht's place. Pete Glueck killed 3 hogs—total weight, 1,200.

FROM BLODGETT.

The Blodgett Amateur Dramatic Club will make its appearance here on New Year's Eve. Come, everybody.

Mrs. J. R. Watkins and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs visited Delta Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Adams spent several days at Morley, last week, returning Saturday accompanied by Patsie Gupst.

Silas White and J. E. Marshall shipped a car load of hogs Saturday.

J. L. Morris and Miss Hedgpath, of Cross Plains, were married Tuesday. This is only a beginning. More weddings are to follow soon.

The Misses Florence Pigg and Kate Sherer returned home from Farmington school to spend the holidays.

Prof. Dudley adjourned school Wednesday until after the holidays. He showered apples and candy upon his students until someone yelled "enough!"

Never is it more difficult to collect our scattered thoughts than when we undertake to write to some friend and tell the happenings. They expect from us all the news. We try, but after a great effort we find, alas, there is nothing in it to satisfy them. It is better to depend on the Newsboy to keep your distant friends informed as to what is going on in Scott county.

Jack Stone Dead.

About a month ago, while using a cross-cut saw, Jack Stone, of Pleasant Hill, accidentally scratched himself with one of the teeth just above the knee. The wound was not considered serious and little attention was paid to it at first. About two weeks ago the wound began to give Mr. Stone considerable trouble, and medical aid was summoned. Last Monday morning Mr. Stone died and was buried the following day at the Ance cemetery. Quite a large crowd attended the funeral. Mr. Stone was about forty years old and leaves a wife and several children. He was a son of John Stone.

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It Wouldn't do Just Now.

For several months the editor has been preparing a Christmas poem of wonderful weight and fineness, but having learned that both the Benton and Blodgett Amateur Dramatic Clubs are to appear in public during the holidays, we shall refrain from publishing our poem until the public mind is more prepared for its reception. It won't do to impose too much upon a suffering public.

The Mortgage Business.

Comparatively speaking, there were but few mortgages recorded in Scott county this year—probably less than half the usual number. Some may consider this as encouraging. We don't. It is only evidence that the majority of our people have nothing left to mortgage. There is little property in Scott county that is not "covered."

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Section Boss Blankenship was called to his old Farmington home a few days ago on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Our school has closed until after the holidays.

S. T. Miller and daughter, Elvie, went to Cairo Tuesday.

Saturday evening E. Abshier kindled a fire in I. O. O. F. stove with coal oil. Result: One hand in sling and no decorations for his eyebrows and upper lip.

To Our Correspondents.

Our correspondents will be entitled to a "week off" so that they, too, may take Christmas. There will be no paper next week, but we hope they will all sober up in time to be on duty the week after. In the mean time take a few at our expense and enjoy yourselves.

SOUTHEAST NEWS.

Poplar Bluff Citizen: Mr. J. B. Dines, who lives at Cross Roads, St. Francois county, was a victim of two strangers last Saturday night. The men after having his consent to stay all night, asked him to accompany them with a lantern to a place up the road where their wagon was, which had broken down. Mr. Dines took his lantern and the three started off up the road. They had not gone a great distance when one of the men drew a revolver, and asked Mr. Dines to throw up his hands which he did, and then they tied him securely to a tree. Then the scoundrels went back to the house, and knocking on the door for admission pointed a revolver at Mrs. Dines, who supposed her husband was with them, asked her to give up the money in the house which she did, in all \$385. They went back to Mr. Dines, untied him and gave him a dollar for the use of his lantern and left him stupefied as to what had happened. They are being hunted down, but are not likely to be caught. Again we say to our farmers. Steer shy of all with whom you have no acquaintance. Before you allow a man to enter your home "be sure you are right, then go ahead."

Bloomfield Vindicator: As the railroad, telegraph, telephone and express companies of the country, at the late election, by every means in their power, labored for the continuance of the single gold standard, and scarce, dear money, thereby favoring a low standard of values of all commodities save money only, our legislature should at its session this winter remember that the schedule of charges for services of all these companies were fixed under the operation of a double standard of finance, when all values are much higher than they are now, or are likely to be under a single gold standard regime. The law should provide for a general reduction of the charges of all these companies to meet the current values of all other products.

Charleston News: Gov. Stone, it seems to us, is rather more blood-thirsty toward train robbers than the situation warrants. The mere act of robbing a train at the point of shotguns and revolvers by a gang of desperadoes, if not accompanied by an actual homicide, no more deserves capital punishment than the similar act of the footpad of the cities, who, with like weapons and in similar manner, relieves the lone wayfarer of his valuables. In both cases the danger of a worse crime than robbery is present, but laws should not be made for the punishment of chances; they should be of sterner purposes.

Southeast Gazette: The Globe Democrat thinks that the only decent Democrats are those who will cooperate with Republicans in upholding Cleveland's nominations. We don't believe it. There are many decent Democrats who would rather be crucified between a Han Republican and a Cleveland Democrat than to form an alliance with either of them.

Governor-elect Stephens awarded the prize of prison to Dr. G. H. Williams, of Girardeau county. Strange that the only reliable Republican in the Southeast is entitled to a Democratic plumb!

The holiday numbers of the east Missourian appears as attractively illustrated as the one that New Madrid live towns with enterprising men.

The Jackson Casher: tough time of it, saloons until they then be taken over, latter animal seems for him.

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For a Limited time, in order to introduce a New and Elegant Line of CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES UNDERWEAR, LADIES' HATS, at CHICAGO STORE, Main and Broadway, CAPE GIRARDEAU.

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